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IMPORTANT IN SECULAR TANZANIA

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(SBU) PolOff delivered ref a demarche as well as a copy of the non-paper on "Defamation of Religions" to MFA Foreign Affairs Officer John Kambona on December 3. Although Kambona did not comment on Tanzania's voting intentions, he noted that Tanzania is a secular state and reiterated the GOT's interest in protecting individual rights (ref b). We expect Tanzania will continue to abstain when the resolution comes to a vote.  
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